WHISTLER

British Columbia, Canada

Arrive any day of the year in Whistler and the first thing you’ll notice is our unmistakable energy. It’s a vibe that inspires anyone who visits to get out and soak up as much of this place as possible. In the summer, that might mean mountaintop sightseeing on the world record-breaking PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola, a round of golf (or four), a hike, a mountain bike ride or a lazy afternoon at the beach. In winter, of course, its skiing or snowboarding, but it also might be a zip trek, a snowmobile tour or a sleigh ride. Your options are endless, just let your sense of adventure be your guide.

WHY WHISTLER

Ski in/Ski out: Whistler Village is conveniently located at the base of both Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains with easy ski-in and ski-out access.

Year-round Pedestrian Village: Whistler Village is linked by the village stroll, a meandering, pedestrian-only walkway lined with shops, restaurants and accommodation, surrounded by mountain views.

Low Altitude: While our mountains are some of the tallest in North America, our base elevation of just 675 meters / 2,214 feet will let you arrive and jump into the fun, without needing to get used to the altitude first.

Snowfall: It’s what we’re known for. We’re blessed with a historical average of 117.4 metres / 462 inches / 38.5 ft per year.

PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola: This world record-breaking gondola will transport you between the tops of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. In winter, that means more of the best alpine skiing and snowboarding in North America, and in summer it offers up a world of hiking, sightseeing and mountain top dining.

Most Terrain: 3,307 hectares of skiable terrain: simply put, that’s the most in North America.

Weather in Whistler Village: Due to Whistler’s coastal proximity, temperatures are moderate through the winter season, rarely dipping below -10°C (12° F) in the valley and -15°C (5° F) in the alpine during the coldest part of the year. Expect -5°C (22° F) average daily alpine temperatures during most of the winter months. Summer in Whistler brings temperatures ranging from highs of 21°C (70° F) to 27°C (80° F) with August being the warmest month.

Summer Fun: Arrive in Whistler between May and October and you’ll find yourself in a place that feels a lot like a national park, a bit like a quaint European village, and entirely like your best summer camp memories. That’s a combination that’s hard to resist, or find, anywhere else.

Winter Playground: Winter is what we’re famous for. Our two side-by-side mountains and abundant (and ever-so-reliable) snow, fuels not only our reputation as one of North America’s best ski and snowboard destinations, but also an endless variety of other outdoor adventures and activities offered from November to April.

Shopping: Over 180 retail shops will get you geared up for adventure or provide you with the perfect Whistler keepsake.

Dining, Patios and Après: More than 90 restaurants, cafes, lounges and bars.

Accommodation: No matter what you’re looking for, we’ve got it—from full-service hotels (from brands such as The Fairmont, Westin, Four Seasons, Hilton, and Pan Pacific) or mountainside condominiums to executive homes or quaint cabins.

Relaxation: Slip into one of our many spas and salons for a relaxing or therapeutic treatment service; or try out the unique, outdoor Scandinave Spa.

Arts and Culture: Art galleries and shows, musical entertainment and performing arts, literary events, photography and film exhibitions, and the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre all add an invaluable dimension to Whistler’s animated atmosphere. The Audain Art Museum houses one of the most unique collections of British Columbian art, right in the heart of Whistler Village.

Festivals and Events: We’ve got a non-stop lineup of events covering sports, culinary, film and mountain culture, throughout every season. View a full event schedule at whistler.com/events

Olympic Venue Tours: Exciting legacies like the Whistler Sliding Centre, Whistler Olympic Park and Whistler Olympic Plaza, are open to the public for tours and photo opportunities.

GETTING TO WHISTLER IS EASY

Flights to Vancouver, Canada are available from many major cities around the world. From Vancouver, there are many options for getting to Whistler. You can make the scenic drive via rental car, motorcoach or private shuttle, and in the summer you can take a 45-minute floatplane ride from Vancouver Harbour.

Distances and approximate travel times by car:

- Downtown Vancouver to Whistler: 127 km (79 mi), 2 hours
- Vancouver International Airport to Whistler: 140 km (87 mi), 2.5 hours

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ACTIVITIES

Whistler is truly a year-round destination. The activity options for adventure, exploration or relaxation are virtually endless, but here’s a collection to consider:

YEAR ROUND

Ziplining: Sit back in your harness, or try to flip yourself upside-down, as you zip along a steel cable that criss-crosses through the forest canopy, high above the valley bottom. Educational and exhilarating in equal measure.

PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola: Take to the skies and discover 360-degree vistas via this world record-breaking gondola. It’s like an access-all-areas pass to Whistler and Blackcomb peaks whether you’re hiking, snow-sliding or just taking in the sights.

Aerial Sightseeing: The landscape here is dramatic for a reason — it’s the product of fire and ice, volcanoes and glaciers. The best way to get a perspective on that grandeur is from the air.

Scandinave Spa Whistler: This Finnish tradition of hot soaks and cold plunges brings a unique style of hydrotherapy to Whistler. The outdoor setting is as therapeutic as the mind as the eucalyptus steam bath, wood burning sauna, outdoor hammocks and relaxation solariums is to the body.

Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre: Explore the histories, cultures and creative works — both past and present — of the local Squamish and Lil’wat First Nations people. You’ll find indoor and outdoor exhibits in this beautiful, interactive cultural experience.

Whistler Village & g Premium Outlets: Whistler’s theatre is a state of the art entertainment complex located in the heart of the Village. You’ll find first run movies in this eight screen movie theatre, fully-equipped with Dolby Digital sound and plush seating.

SUMMER

Born For Biking: The lift-serviced Whistler Mountain Bike Park and hundreds of kilometers of paved and cross country trails have made Whistler a mountain biking mecca.

Paddle, Float Or Hang On: Where does the snow go in the summertime? Into the lakes and waterways, like the rest of us! Take a quiet canoe ride on the River of Golden Dreams, spend a lazy day on a dock at Lost Lake, rent a stand-up paddle board, or take a white-knuckle rafting adventure.

Golfing Paradise: The black bears aren’t the only fans of the greens — our little slice of golfing heaven has four championship courses to tempt every golf enthusiast.

Hiking: We’ve made getting off the beaten path easy. Our unparalleled trail network let’s you explore the unique volcanic history of Whistler and Blackcomb’s alpine or the lush rain forest of the valley below, on your own or with a guided tour. Take a glacier walk, an eco tour, a First Nations waterfall hike and more. The PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola connects Whistler Mountain with Blackcomb Mountain for even more adventure.

ATV: For a dose of fun and excitement, take a guided, all-terrain tour of Whistler’s backcountry and explore the beauty of areas that you might never get to on foot.

Horseback Riding: Saddle up for tours that show you the trails to stunning rivers, lakes, forests and meadows, then ride back to the barn with some newly-wrangled memories.

WINTER

Skiing / Snowboarding: Explore Whistler’s two side-by-side mountains and discover the largest amount of skiable terrain on the continent. More than 10 m (33 feet) of snow per year, 3,307 hectares (8,171 acres) of terrain and the world record-breaking PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola thrills all skill levels.

Heli-Skiing / Snowboarding: Find your freedom with a breathtaking helicopter ride to fresh tracks in Whistler’s legendary backcountry terrain.

Snowmobiling: We’ve got an array of guides and outfitters that will take you from a scenic wilderness tour, to a charming mountaintop fondue or for a family-friendly expedition.

Ice Skating: Lace up your skates for a glide around the rinks at the outdoor Whistler Olympic Plaza or indoor Meadow Park Sports Centre, or one of our frozen lakes.

Cross-Country Skiing: Glide into a scenic adventure at Whistler’s Nordic ski areas at Lost Lake Park, Whistler Olympic Park and Callaghan Country.

Snowshoeing: Few activities let you experience Whistler’s inspiring panoramas in such a peaceful and idyllic way. Trek through old-growth forests, around glacier lakes and to unique hideaways.

Dog Sledding: Harness the energy behind a team of sled dogs and ride through some spectacular wilderness in a uniquely Canadian adventure.

Sleigh Rides: Cuddle under warm blankets and sip hot chocolate as your sleigh glides along behind the horses. It’s the stuff Christmas carols are made of.